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This is responsive to the "NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES" mailed December 4, 2001 and setting a two-month period for response which ends on February 1, 2002. Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the application as follows.

Instructions to amend the specification, and replacement or added paragraphs in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) is included beginning on page 2 of this communication. A marked-up version of the specification's replacement paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) is attached as Appendix I.

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